

Reserve and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve on an equality as regards the age at which the several ranks may be attained, so far as possible, with due regard to the responsibilities and to the technical and professional knowledge required for the performance of the duties of the several ranks:

“ And whereas we are of opinion that Officers of the Royal Marines should be treated, in regard to their emoluments during active service and on retirement, similarly to Naval Officers, and further that there should be one scale of pay applicable to all such Officers whether belonging to the Royal Marine Artillery or to the Royal Marine Light Infantry and whether serving at sea or ashore:

“ And whereas we are of opinion that the

scales of pay, half-pay and retired pay of Officers of Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces should be substantially increased in the higher ranks in view of the altered economic conditions arising from the war and for other reasons, and further that rates of unemployed pay should be introduced for certain ranks during periods of unemployment not exceeding a year:

“ We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the proposals contained in the Schedules annexed hereto.

“ The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

“ SCHEDULE I.

“ A.—OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL NAVY, ROYAL NAVAL AIR SERVICE AND ROYAL NAVAL RESERVES—INCREASES OF PAY, &C.

“ The following improved rates of full pay | October, 1917, until they come under the new rates laid down in Schedule V. :—

Rank.	R.N., per diem.	R.N.R., per diem.	R.N.V.R., per diem.
NAVY.			
Midshipmen	5s. (<i>see footnote</i>)	5s. plus 1s. mess allowance.	—
Acting Sub-Lieutenants (except as in next item).	5s. (<i>see footnote</i>)	—	—
Acting Sub-Lieutenant serving afloat after completion of final examinations for Lieutenant or appointed to do duty as Sub-Lieutenant in a vacancy	—	7s. 6d. plus 1s. mess allowance.	7s. 6d.
Sub-Lieutenants	—	—	10s. 6d. when serving in the Royal Naval Division, no change for others.
Mates	9s. in addition to 2s. mess allowance.	—	—
Lieutenants (a)	12s. on promotion, 13s. 6d. after 4 years' seniority.	As for R.N. plus 2s. mess allowance.	As for R.N.
Lieutenant-Commanders (a).	16s. on promotion, 17s. after 4 years' seniority, 18s. after 6 years' seniority.	As for R.N. plus 2s. mess allowance.	As for R.N.
Commanders	23s.	Temporary R.N.R. and R.N.V.R. Officers to be paid on the scale for Lieutenants, R.N. As for R.N. plus 2s. mess allowance.	As for R.N.
Captains	23s. 6d. to officers below the first 160, others as at previous rates.	23s. 6d. plus 2s. mess allowance.	23s. 6d.
Mates (E)	9s. in addition to 2s. mess allowance.	—	—
Engineer Lieutenants ..	12s. on promotion, 13s. 6d. after 4 years' seniority.	—	—
Engineer Commanders ...	24s. on promotion regardless of length of service, then as at previous rates.	As for R.N. except when previous R.N.R. rates are higher.	—
Assistant Clerks (now Paymaster Cadets).	4s. (<i>see footnote</i>).	—	—
Clerks (now Paymaster Midshipmen).	5s.	—	—

Note.—Payment of private allowances to Acting Sub-Lieutenants, Midshipmen and Assistant-Clerks from Naval Funds to be discontinued.

(a) The increase of 1s. a day when in command to continue in force.